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Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Response to Restriction Requirement.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In an Office Action dated November 3, 2004, the Examiner required restriction of claims 1-25 to one of the following two groups of claims: (i) claims 1-16 and 22-25 (Group I); and (ii) claims 17-22 (Group II). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction for at least the reasons given below.

Applicants submit that the apparatus set forth in independent claims 1 and 22 and the method set forth in independent claim 17 are of such similar character as to essentially eliminate the necessity for a separate search and/or classification. Accordingly, Applicants assert that, in the interest of conservation of resources for the Patent Office as well as the Applicants, the claims of Group I and Group II should be considered together. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement in the present application is respectfully solicited.

Notwithstanding the above traversal, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-16 and 22-25, for prosecution on the merits.

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